

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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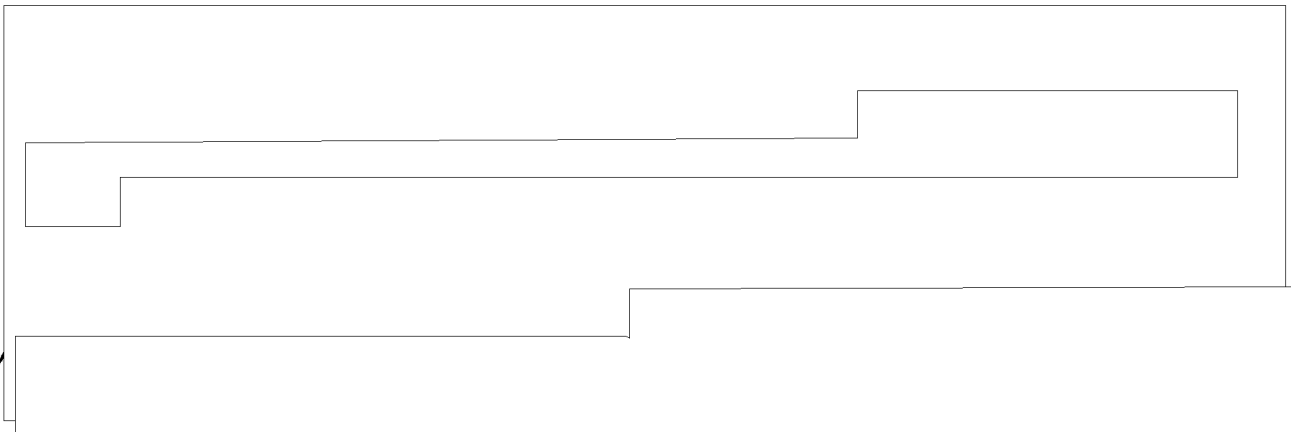
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INFORMATION

February 29, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*  
SUBJECT: Leaks of Classified Information

Director Helms has sent you a memorandum (Tab A) informing you of actions taken by the members of the United States Intelligence Board in an effort to better protect classified intelligence information from unauthorized leaks. Director Helms believes that strengthened controls and indoctrination procedures will reduce the risk of unclassified disclosures.



Director Helms suggests that a reference by you to this point at a Cabinet or NSC meeting would be most helpful in curbing such leaks.

RECOMMENDATION:

I heartily concur in the Director's suggestion that you secure an opportunity to comment at such a meeting on this matter. This point will be included in the next NSC briefing paper.

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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

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17 February 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President

In my memorandum of 23 April 1971, I informed you that I had taken certain actions with respect to providing guidance in the field of protection of classified intelligence information, including that bearing on intelligence sources and methods, in response to your memorandum of 21 December 1970. I noted that I had issued detailed guidelines on this subject through the United States Intelligence Board, and that these had been concurred in by all the addressees of your December 21st memorandum.

Each member of the USIB has now reported to me on his implementing actions. These actions include strengthening existing controls on classified material, reviewing indoctrination procedures, reducing the number of clearances, and similar constructive measures. Special attention has been given to establishing procedures whereby the appropriate intelligence chief is consulted whenever it is proposed to issue public statements which may reveal sensitive intelligence information. In these cases, the intelligence chief is expected to assess the risks involved and to devise methods to protect the source of such information.

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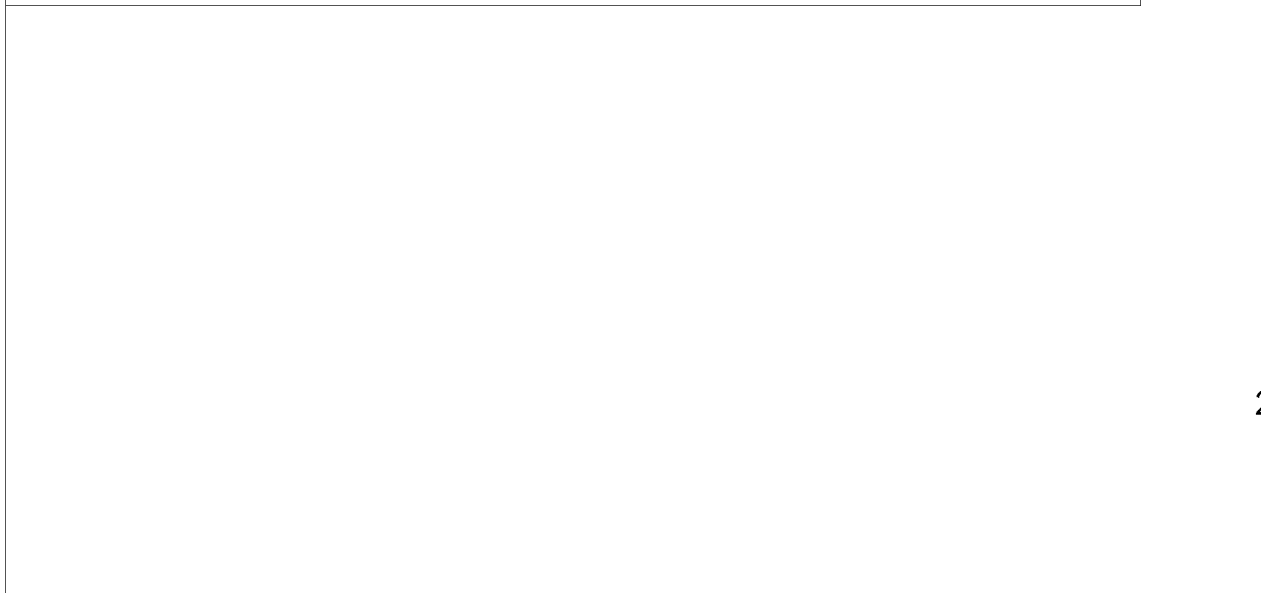
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Richard Helms  
Director

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ACTION

March 21, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL HAIG  
FROM: TOM LATIMER  
SUBJECT: Directive on Leaks

At Tab A is a memorandum to the heads of certain departments and agencies in response to the President's and HAK's marginal notes on the memo at Tab B about leaks.

I sympathize with the President's desire to hit the bureaucracy on this one again, but I suspect that this memo itself will be leaked. It would seem to me to be much better that this matter be handled orally by the President at the next NSC meeting rather than to put anything more on paper.

If you think the directive must be issued nonetheless, then you should sign the memo at Tab A.

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to the national security. The President, therefore, has directed that each addressee shall give full cooperation to the Director of Central Intelligence and shall comply with the guidelines he has established for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

In addition, the President has directed that each addressee shall report to him in writing within thirty days of the date of this memorandum those measures which have been taken to impress upon each employee the importance of safeguarding sensitive national security information and what steps have been taken to implement the guidelines established by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE DIRECTOR, U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND  
DISARMAMENT AGENCY  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: The Unauthorized Disclosure of Classified  
Information

On December 21, 1970, the President directed that immediate steps be taken to bring to a halt the practice of releasing without authorization classified information bearing upon important aspects of national security, particularly that which jeopardizes intelligence sources and methods. Pursuant to the President's memorandum, the Director of Central Intelligence has issued detailed guidelines on protecting intelligence sources and methods. Despite these new guidelines, deliberate leaks of highly sensitive information have continued to occur.

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The President is determined that this most imprudent practice of leaking highly classified information will be brought to an end. Government officials privileged to serve the nation in positions of trust must act responsibly in protecting sensitive information relating

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